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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S JANUARY 26 MEETING WITH MINISTER OF  
NATIONAL ECONOMY ALOGOSKOUFIS

[11](#). (U) Summary: On January 26th Ambassador Ries called on Minister of National Economy and Finance Giorgos Alogoskoufis. Alogoskoufis thank

[12](#). (U) On January 26th, Ambassador Ries made an introductory call on Minister of National Economy and Finance Giorgos Alogoskoufis. The mee  
The Past

[13](#). (U) Ambassador observed there had been considerable press play about the revelations of improper accounting practices in Greece which had  
The Present

[14](#). (U) Alogoskoufis also explained that the government will have to be careful in its handling of the post-Olympic economy, especially as mar  
The Future

[15](#). (U) Alogoskoufis explained that much of his work this year would be to prepare the Greek people for the government's next two tasks: labo

[16](#). (C) Comment: Minister Alogoskoufis was fairly candid in acknowledging that the GoG's plan to lower its fiscal deficit to 2.8 percent of G

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